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SHARERS OF THE LIGHT

Don't think that because Christmas is over everything else is anti-climactic. It's just the beginning and the first glimmer of light in a dark world. We now live in the season of Epiphany and experience in real ways that God's embrace is for everyone. Epiphany challenges us "to make manifest" and "show" that Jesus Christ is the light that has come into the world to shine on all people.

It is the very nature of light to be seen, to attract and draw. The story of the church is the story of God's people who have been captivated by the brilliance of the light and have allowed God full play in their lives. They reflect the light by the way they live, so that others may see their good works and glorify God in heaven.

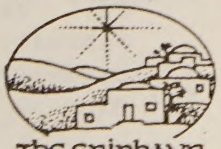
Epiphany calls us to lift up our eyes from the often self-serving, comfortable worlds in which we live and see on the horizon the beckoning light which challenges us to risk crossing over secure borders and discover that the church is not just a place for people like ourselves of common language, race or color. It is the gathering place also for the alien, exile and refugee of society--the hurting, homeless and friendless. In the Epiphany adventure of sharing the light, we will discover again and again that Jesus Christ is, indeed, the light of the world, the Lord and Savior of all.

To help each one of us share in the on-going Epiphany of God's love, our Evangelism Committee has been planning for many months our synod's first evangelism conference (see following article). Every congregation and all professional workers in our synod will want to participate in this gathering to better understand, experience and share the light of Epiphany, Jesus Christ, the whole world's Lord and Savior.

Looking forward to meeting you at the Evangelism Conference!

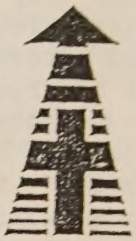
In His service,

L. Paul Bartling



1989 EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

"CALLED THROUGH THE CROSS, SENT TO THE WORLD"



Registration information has been mailed to congregations regarding this important conference at Warm Beach Conference Center in Stanwood, Feb. 12-13 (3 pm Sunday until 4:30 pm Monday).

DR. KENNON CALLAHAN, world-renowned speaker and theologian, will be featured, plus JAMES CAPERS of the ELCA churchwide staff. Be sure to register immediately! Co-sponsored by Northwest and Southwestern Washington Synods.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
"BUILDING COMMUNITY/ONE BODY IN CHRIST"

The Seattle area celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held on Wednesday, January 18, at 7:30 p.m. at St. James Cathedral, 804-9th Avenue between Marion and Columbia. Sponsored by the Washington Association of Churches and many denominational offices, the program will feature as homilists the Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker and the Rev. Dr. Michael Raschko. Reception following at Cathedral School, 803 Terry.

Parking is available in parish lots across from the Cathedral on 9th, and at O'Dea High School between Terry and Boren; or use Metro routes #3, 4, 60. The facility is fully handicapped accessible.

LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE '89

To be held on January 28 at the Tyee Hotel in Tumwater from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., this conference is designed to give attendees an occasion to:

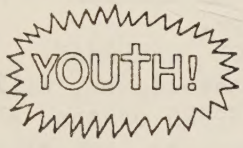
1) examine some of the important issues before the 1989 session of the Washington State Legislature,

2) learn about the legislative agenda of the church community, and

3) discover practical ways to influence the legislative process.

The conference is open to any person wanting to become better informed about some key issues confronting citizens and state legislators in our state. Pastors and persons from social concerns committees of congregations may have special interest.

Keynote speaker is Jan Cate, a lay person who has committed her life to social change. She has helped shape the agenda of organizations dedicated to advancing the status of women in the church and the world. She was co-chair of the State Jesse Jackson Campaign and a delegate to the 1988 Democratic Convention. Call the Washington Association of Churches for info, 525-1988.



YOUTH MINISTRY TRAINING EVENT

"The Church's Ministry of Hospitality and Companionship with Youth" is the theme of the 1989 ELCA Region I Youth Ministry Training Event. The Rev. Dr. John H. Westerhoff III will lead this event, which will be held Jan. 30-Feb. 1 at the Renewal Center in Issaquah. The event is designed for all adults who work with youth. The cost is $90 per person, which includes two nights' accommodations, five meals and snacks. Call Dave Ellingson, 624-0093; Cathy Nelson, 885-1810, or Jane Prestbye, 392-0400 for more information.

INTER-FAITH RESPONSE TO HOMELESSNESS: TOWARD A JUST COMMUNITY

Why are people homeless? What does homelessness say about our community? Join others who are willing to commit themselves to help solve this critical problem on Saturday, Feb. 25 at Plymouth Congregational Church, 1216-6th Ave., Seattle. This event is sponsored by the Washington North Idaho Conference, United Church of Christ, and United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, plus other chuches and social service agencies of the Puget Sound region. For more information, call 323-8383.

REV. SIMON FARISANI TO HIGHLIGHT SOUTH AFRICAN EVENT--"THE CRY OF MY PEOPLE"

Simon Farisani, Dean of the Evangelica Lutheran Church of South Africa, will b featured at this special event for the en tire synod sponsored by the Sno-King an Central Snohomish clusters on Feb. 11-12 a Trinity Lutheran in Lynnwood, 6211-196t St. SW.

The youth and young adults are invite on Saturday, Feb. 11 to join Rev. Farisan for an evening of informal discussion. Ev eryone who attends is asked to bring a ca of broth (not clam) soup. The meeting wil begin at 5:30 p.m. with some introduction and a few minutes to mix and heat the soup followed by dinner and discussion time.

A special program and worship celebra tion will be featured on Sunday, Feb. 1 from 2-5:30 p.m. at Trinity. An offerin will be received for the Lutheran Church o South Africa, and special gifts may also b made to the PLU Namibian Scholarship Fund.

PAUL MANZ HYMN FESTIVAL TO BENEFIT P.L.T.S

Dr. Paul Manz, world famous Lutheran or ganist, will lead Hymn Festival 1989 a Gethsemane Lutheran in Seattle on Sunday Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. This will be a fun raiser for Pacific Lutheran Theologica Seminary. President Jerry Schmalenberge will offer meditations on the theme of th festival, "Night No More".

ARTS AUCTION

The second annual Rasmus Jensen Altern tive Arts Auction is scheduled for Satu day, Feb. 25 at University Lutheran in S attle. Many items will auctione including fine arts, music, fine craf (weaving, woodworking, pottery), and se vices appropriate to an altrnative, s cially-conscious lifestyle. Proceeds wi benefit the Lutheran Peace Fellowship a Lutheran Social Ministry Coordinating Co mittee, so all donations are tax deductib for their market value.

1989 GLOBAL MISSION EVENT "I HAVE HEARD THE CRY OF MY PEOPLE"

The Global Mission Event is an annu ELCA gathering for the People of God cc mitted to the Mission of God. This 4-d event will be held in three location Allentown, PA; Moorhead, MN; and Segui TX. Watch for a registration form in t February ELCA Action Packet, or write Division for Global Mission, 8765 Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631-4192.

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

CONFERENCE ON AGING--"THE GIFT AND THE CHALLENGE: OLDER ADULTS AND THE CHURCH"

Did you know that one-third of all Lutherans in the United States are over 65? Here's the workshop for you! It will be held on February 1 at Prince of Peace Lutheran, 19030-8th Ave. So., Seattle (SW of SeaTac) at a cost of $12 per person if you pre-register by January 20; $15 after that date and at the door. Contact Lutheran Center on Aging, 467-6532.

ANOTHER CONFERENCE ON AGING--"PARTNERSHIP FOR THE FUTURE"

The ELCA Division for Social Ministry Organizations is convening this conference on March 3-6 at the Sheraton International O'Hare in Rosemont, Illinois. Detailed information is available at the synod office. The fee is $100, payable to the ELCA. The conference is designed for administrators, social service and church professionals, educators, chaplains, regional and synodical staff, volunteers, and all who care about planning for the future concerns of our mature society. Deadline to register is February 1.

L.I.T.E. OFFERS CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES IN BELLINGHAM AREA

Two courses are being offered for clergy and laity in the Bellingham area. Contact the LITE office, 535-7342, or Rev. Gary Grafwallner, 733-1277, for more info.

"A Theology of Family" series of three lectures for laity Feb. 4-5 at Christ the Servant Lutheran (How to Survive and Thrive in Marriage; Parenting and Teaching Children Values in the '90;s; How the Christian Faith Makes a Difference) led by Rev. Susan Morris, United Methodist pastor.

"OT Lessons and Gospels for Lent, Holy Week, Easter" for clergy Feb. 6, 9 am-3:30 pm at Faith Lutheran, homiletical-textual workshop led by Rev. Elmer Witt, former Director of Holden Village.

CONTINUING EDUCATION RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Two flyers on planning and recording your continuing education are available to you at the LITE Office, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA 98447; 535-7342.

1) Continuing Education: Strengthening Ministry and Mission from the ELCA Division for Ministry.

2) Continuing Education Record Folder and Form produced by LITE and AAL a few years ago for clergy and lay staff.

AIDS: CONGREGATION AND INDIVIDUAL ACTION

Lutheran Social Services is sponsoring this workshop on Mar. 11 at a cost of $15. at Trinity Lutheran, Lynnwood. Speakers will cover a spectrum of issues related to AIDS, and resources will be available. For more information, call the LSSW Social Ministry Team at 365-2700.

HOLDEN VILLAGE WINTER RETREATS

Upcoming winter retreats at Holden Village include the following:

1/30-2/3--Pastors' Pre-Lenten retreat
2/17-20 and 3/17-20--Singles retreats
3/3-6--Sufficiency as a Justice Lifestyle with John & Mary Schramm
4/21-24--Adult Children of Alcoholics or other Dysfunctional Families

Write to Holden Village, Chelan, WA 98116 for more information.

VISITING GUEST PROFESSOR FROM LUTHER NORTHWESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Dr. Peri Rasolonraibe, Visiting Professor of Systematic Theology at LNTS, will be speaking in our area Feb. 26-28. His presentations will focus on "A Theology of Ministry for the Next Century". You are invited and welcome to participate in the following events:

Feb. 26--"Partners in Mission: Interdependence in Ministry", 3-5 pm, St. Andrew's, Bellevue
Feb. 27--Speaking at First, Tacoma
Feb. 28--"Partners in Ministry: The Ethics of Empowerment", 7 pm at Gethsemane, Seattle

Dr. Rasolonraibe is formerly the president of the Lutheran Seminary in Madagasgar and brings an international perspective to his theology. He speaks well about the ability to move between traditional theology and current issues and trends.

1989 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CONFAB

The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Olympia will host the 1989 Annual Conference for early childhood education teachers, aides, directors, board members and pastors. Key note speaker for the Mar. 3 and 4 conference will be Dr. Roland Martinson, popular speaker on family and professor at Luther Northwestern.

There will also be a wide variety of workshops offered covering timely subjects. Sampler and supplier displays will be available as well. For registration information, call Karen Tweit, 357-3554.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN NEED FAMILIES

Children from Thailand and Latin American countries are in need of adoptive families. To respond to this need, Lutheran Social Services has expanded its international adoptions programs. Persons interested in this program need to contact the Lutheran Social Service in Minnesota, (612) 871-0221.

LUTHERWOOD VISION PLAN

Camp Lutherwood in Bellingham is beginning Phase 1 of a vision plan which will include building a new girls cabin, covered play area, completing the chapel remodel, pay for more beds, and some other improvements.

Lutherwood is fully funded by Lutheran churches in the area, by Lutheran Brotherhood, and by private gifts. They need to raise $153,000 for Phase 1. A committee will be formed to work on the capital fundraising program. Members of this committee will help identify prospective donors, solicit donations, and will encourage and support other members of the committee. Anyone interested in serving on this committee may contact Doug Holst at Lutherwood, 734-7652.

POSITIONS OPEN

Complete information on the following positions is available at the Synod Office:

Director of Contextual Education, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, South Carolina; DEADLINE MARCH 1.

Executive of Washington Association of Churches, Seattle; DEADLINE MARCH 1.

Summer Director, Camp Lutherwood, Bellingham; DEADLINE FEB. 24.

Executive Director for the Women of the ELCA in Chicago; DEADLINE JAN. 31.

PEOPLE SEEKING POSITIONS

Resumes are available in the Synod Office for the following people who are seeking employment:

R. Ellen Henegar is in search of a full-time Music/Education position in a Lutheran church; has Masters in Theological Studies in Music and Education from Trinity Lutheran Seminary; also Masters in Educational Media.

Dale D. Weerts seeks a position in Youth Ministry; just completing two years with Tentmakers and available for full-time employment in March.

BEWARE OF JANITORIAL SUPPLIES SCAM!

International Unlimited Supplies, Inc., 16844 Lathrop, Harvey, Illinois, is contacting many churches in our area with an offer for free deodorant blocks. In fact, the blocks are NOT free, and an invoice accompanies the shipment. They often get payment from unsuspecting church employees who believe the deodorant blocks were ordered. Their tactic is to call a church office, ask for the janitor's name, and say they will be sending a free sample.

AMERICAN SUMMER INSTITUTES

Detailed information regarding the programs of the American Summer Institutes is available in the Synod Office. Continuing education opportunities are available in St. Andrews, Scotland; Rome, Italy; Les Avants, Switzerland; and Uppsala, Sweden.

MISSION EMPHASIS WEEK AT LUTHERAN BIBLE INSTITUTE

The annual Mission Emphasis Week at LBI will be held on Feb. 13-17. Special speakers this year include JUDY HYLAND, missionary to Japan for 30 years; and DAN AND NANCY RUSCH, World Mission Prayer League missionaries to the Philippines. The public is invited. Guest rooms may be rented on campus for those from out of town/

JUDY HYLAND will be adjunct professor of missions at LBI January-March, and is also available to speak to congregations. Contact Pat Lelvis at LBI, 392-0400 to arrange for Judy to speak in your church.

DR. PHILIP BAKER, former missionary to Nigeria and presently on faculty at PLTS, will be the Lavik Lecturer on Cross-Cultural Evangelism at LBI Jan. 17-27, 6:30-8:45 p.m. For more information, call Admissions at LBI, 392-0400.

TREASURERS PLEASE NOTE!

A letter from Al Sauerbrey, our Synod Treasurer, was recently mailed to all congregational treasurers with detailed information on how to handle end-of-the year benevolence contributions. The fiscal year ends January 31, 1989, and congregations are asked to send their 1988 remittances to the Financial Services Office, 766B John St., Seattle 98199 by January 31. Thanks!

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION CHURCHES USING THE L.C.I.S. COMPUTER PROGRAM

Would you be interested in having a seminar in Seattle sometime in 1989? If you would, please call Debra Barfield at LCIS, 1-800-346-6120 and let her know. If there is a large response, a seminar will be scheduled. If you have any questions, call Marlene Dyment, Grace Lutheran, Wenatchee, WA, (509) 663-2189.

MULTICULTURAL VIDEO--"MISSION IMPOSSIBLE?"

This new video produced by our regional Director for Communications, Cindy Laue, is now available to congregations from the Regional Office, 624-0093. It is an excellent piece of work depicting the multicultural mission of our church, and is already in great demand around the country. Be sure to call and reserve a copy.

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

A yellow flyer announcing the Upsala College scholarship was mailed in the December "Soundings" to all congregations. Please be sure to "spread the word" about this terrific opportunity for a full four-year scholarship and seek candidates to apply. THE DEADLINE TO APPLY IS MARCH 15, 1989.

ELCA RESPONDS TO THE ARMENIAN DISASTER

Bishop Herbert Chilstrom sent a cable to the Armenian Apostolic Church expressing prayers and concerns for the families of the 60,000 dead, the 500,000 homeless and the 15,000 orphaned children. Lutheran World Relief has made an initial commitment of $25,000 from its emergency fund. These funds will be channeled through the World Council of Churches which has a team in Armenia assessing needs.

SYNOD OFFICE VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

We are still in need of a volunteer who could help in the Synod Office on Wednesdays with phone answering, typing, and general office duties. Is there someone out there in Synod-Land with free time on Wednesdays? Our office volunteers receive lots of appreciation! Please call Donene at 783-9292 if you can help. Thanks!

VISITATION PASTOR SOUGHT

Phinney Ridge Lutheran, Seattle, is seeking a retired visitation pastor to visit homebound and institutionalized members. Contact Pastor Don Maier, 783-2350.

NEW I.R.S. RULING FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Under the new IRS ruling 67-246, 1967-2 C.B. 104, nonprofit, charitable organizations will be required to inform donors of the deductibility of solicited gifts, where a product or service of any value changes hands. IRS Publication 1391 (6-88) contains the rules on charitable contributions and gives some examples of how the ruling is applied.

Basically, in fund-raisers that seek payments or donations for items, services, privileges, admissions, or participation in any event, separate amounts should be stated in publicity, or on tickets or receipts, as to the exact amount considered a deductible gift and the portion that is nondeductible--the fair market value. The actual cost or proportional expense isn't the determining factor. Whether or not the donor actually receives "value" isn't considered either. The nondeductible amount is based on reasonable expectations at the time of sale in such cases. In situations of chance, such as raffles or drawings, the new rules state that no part of the donation is deductible. (Information taken from the KINSHIP National Network Newsletter of the ELCA Division for Congregational Life).

SYNOD/REGIONAL FAMILY

The following people have been hospitalized recently and ask for your prayers during their recovery: Julius Juhkentaal, Warren Strain (in Yuma, AZ), Nancy Davis (wife of Charles Davis) and Gloria Fjelstad (wife of O.B. Fjelstad now in Idaho Falls) . . . three baby girls have entered the lives of synod families in December, 1988: Elizabeth (Bill and Mary Ann Beck), Anna (Jorgen Kappel-Hansen and Margaret Hammer), and Vanessa (Kirby and Kim Unti)--congratulations! . . . artist and youth minister Judy Kleweno of Sammamish Hills Lutheran designed a beautiful youth ministry poster distributed by our regional office. Thank you, Judy, for sharing your many talents! . . . Lori Reinsma of Lynden reigned as Homecoming Queen at PLU. Svend Ronning, a PLU senior from Stanwood, has been awarded the Presser Scholarship for 1988-89, given to an outstanding music major. Congratulations to Lori and Svend! . . . We ask for your prayers for the families of the following people who have died recently: Ida Olson (wife of Roy Olson), Sarah (daughter of Al Harness and Harriet Haugen), Myrtle Hefty (mother of Don Hefty), and Cora Brandt (wife of Rolf Brandt). Peace be unto them . . .

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January

16	M.L. KING HOLIDAY--SYNOD OFFICE CLOSED
18-20	Bishops' Conference at PLTS
18-25	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
24	Retired pastors' & widows luncheon at LBI, 11:30 am
26	Finance Committee, Prince of Peace N.,6 pm
28	Legislative Conference, Tumwater, 9 am
30-2/1	Region I Youth Ministry Training Event, Center for Renewal, Issaquah

February

1	Conference on Aging, Prince of Peace S.
1	Synod Personnel Committee, St. Luke, Bellevue, noon
8	ASH WEDNESDAY
8	Interim Pastors meet
10	SYNOD BOOKS CLOSE FOR 1988
12-13	Regional Evangelism Conference, Stanwood
19	Paul Manz Hymn Festival, Gethsemane, 7:30p
25	Alternative Arts Auction, University

March

4	Synod Council meeting
9-13	Bishops' Conference, Dallas
16	Finance Committee, Prince of Peace N.,6 pm

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